HOUSE No. 480

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition of Daniel E. Bosley for legislation to authorize employees of the House of Representatives to provide volunteer services. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING LEGISLATIVE EMPLOYEES TO PROVIDE VOLUNTEER SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Notwithstanding the provision of any general or special law to
- 2 the contrary, each employee of the house of representatives is
- 3 hereby authorized, to perform volunteer service at a non-profit,
- 4 charitable, social, human service, community based or other civic
- 5 organization for up to 8 hours per month and be entitled to receive
- 6 his regular pay and benefits for such volunteer activity. The
- 7 scheduling of such volunteer service must be approved in writing
- 8 by the employee's supervisor who shall determine the work needs
- 9 of the employee's department. The volunteer organization must
- 10 be approved by the office of House personnel prior to rendering
- 11 such volunteer services and the performance of the volunteer
- 12 activity must be verified and documented by the House office of
- 13 personnel.